

Order of Worship
December 4th 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Aanonson Family

Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it the most. Amen.

Call to Worship

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

**We gather to make ready our hearts
for the coming of Christ, our hope.**

Amen.

~ Rev. Nancy J

Hymn of Praise

Advent Hymn (Watching, Waiting, Longing)

WS #8

Verse 1

Heaven sent a child to save us
light for all to see
Helpless baby mighty Savior holy
mystery
Unto us a son is given born in
Bethlehem
Lamb of God the Light of nations
God in flesh became

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the
day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Verse 2

For the joy that lay before Him
chose our agony

Jesus bore the wrath of Calv'ry
Washing sinners clean
Our Messiah Christ our brother
word of God in flesh
Loosed the chains that held us
captive
Broke the bonds of death

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the
day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Verse 3

So we wait with expectation for
His Advent here
Bride of Christ His word
proclaimed

For all the world to hear
He will come in clouds
descending
At the trumpet sound
In the light of Christ our Savior
Ev'ry knee will bow

Chorus 2

Born in a manger dying on a tree
Rising Easter morning to set His
people free
We're watching waiting longing for
the day
When all nations will glorify
The Name above all names

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Opening Prayer

The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.
The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.
The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.
We come to prepare a way for the Lord.
We come to ready ourselves for the transformation of our lives.
For the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it.
Amen.

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Special Music

All the Joy

Danielle Coulter & Mack Bailey

The morning talks to everybody to
wake up everyday
The dawn brings the morning to
everyone everyday
The sun smiles down on me, every day
when I'm outside
The sky dreams everyday with the
clouds

**All the joy, All the love
All the happiness I feel
All the life, All the laughter
All the friends that keep it real**

The moon teaches me each night as I
go to bed
The stars and the solar system
dancing in my head

Everything I see brings the joy that
lights up me

**And the stars dance every night
All the joy, All the love
All the happiness I feel
All the life, All the laughter
All the friends that keep it real**

The sea remembers everyone who
sails its body
The stone remembers everybody that
hikes its peaceful trail
The night hears every song from each
of God's creatures
The mountain stands tall for us all

Chorus

Scripture Reading

Rebecca Paschal, reader

Acts 9:1-9

New Living Translation

Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. 2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" 5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! 6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! 8 Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. 9 He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Anticipation, Part 2 of 2

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer**Prayers of the People**

Rebecca Paschal, Reader

Offertory

StarLight

Mack Bailey

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

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Communion**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
RH #245

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come
and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night

And death's dark shadows put to
flight

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on
high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's
peace

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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Closing Prayer

Lord God, in all the busyness and distractions of daily living may we not forget that you are always with us. We give you thanks that there is no where we can go where you are absent. In the coming days, make us aware of your presence with us and grant us peace. Help us to trust your involvement, guidance, healing, calling and future. And we ask that you will make us instruments of your love. With grateful hearts we pray in your name, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Mack Bailey & Danielle Coulter,
and Michael Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeter: Cecy Rios, Buffalo Child, Kim Bracher
Readers: Rebecca Paschal & Jena Schmidt
Altar Setter : Sue de Campo
Fellowship Host: ...

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